

ST. GREGORIOS DAYABHAVAN

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INTRODUCTION

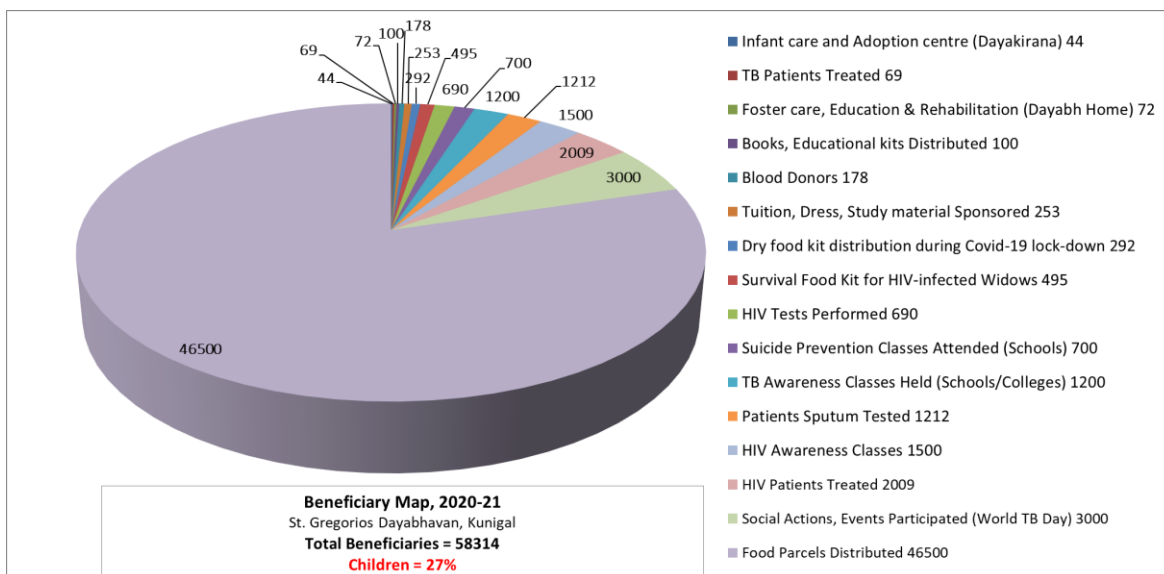
St. Gregorios Dayabhavan is a caregiver — volunteers love, care, compassion, and protection — to orphaned infants, HIV-affected and infected children, and AIDS/TB patients. Inmates receive health care and education (primary to a professional level). Further, it helps with the education expenses of 253 disease-affected day scholar children.

Despite many uncertainties and challenges, Dayabhavan has strived to embrace the path of service and genuine empathy for marginalized and unprotected lives. Instilling quality of life among oppressed and exclusive communities is the core objective of this mission. The vision of the founder-president (late) Dr. Geevarghese Mar Osthathios Metropolitan is a driving force that is to nourish and nurture young minds and excluded lives for a better tomorrow. The organization campus is in Vanigere Village of Kunigal Taluk, 80 km west of Bangalore City in Karnataka State.

It is a challenging task to provide all inmate children, adult patients, and infants with nutritious food to fight against infections and make up for immunity levels, in particular, for those under the ART regimen. Further, the number of admissions in the infant foster center increased progressively during the last three years requiring focussed attention and care round the clock. Considering a large population of disease-infected individuals and families live in the rural district of Tumkur, many of who lost the way in the pandemic environment, Dayabhavan volunteered with whatever resources it could gather. Significantly, during this period of resource and logistic constraints, a large circle of friends and well-wishers came to help the organization. We have felt that an urgent need exists to implement subsistence and sustenance schemes to feed and empower people living with HIV (PLHIV) and their families through sponsored programs.

Free health camps, subsidized drinking water supply, adoption services, outreach programs for Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS control, health awareness classes through onsite education and blood campaigns are few grassroots services undertaken by the organization (<http://dayabhavan.org/>; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BROHmR13ctM&feature=youtu.be>)

This report gives the core activities of the organization in 2020-21.



A. REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION

A.1) Dayabhavan Boys Home

The organization is committed to medical care and educate all eligible students to find employment opportunities. The number of inmates during 2020-21 was 72. Employment highlights are below.

Table-1: Occupancy data

Rehabilitation and Education	Number of Children		
	Plan 2020-21	Actual 2020-21	Estimate 2021-22
Residential	75	72	75
Non-Residential	300	253	265

- Dr. Shivakumar, K.M., BDS: Administrator, Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur
- Dr. Sudarshan, B.S., PharmD: Syncorp Clinical Research, Bangalore
- Mr. Vikas, Dip Pharma: Apollo Pharmacy, Bangalore
- Mr. Kiran, B.V., Dip Pharma: BPharm Sridevi College of Pharmacy (Higher study)
- Mr. Sharath, BCom: Amazon Associates, Kolar
- Mr. Arun, B, Dip X-ray Tech: Dayasparsha Hospital
- Mr. Arun, K.S., BSc Nursing: Tumbey Hospital, Dubai



Our inmates who finished their courses and presently working in Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur

Congratulations!

Your achievements make everyone proud. The results will encourage others to perform and also justify the efforts made by the organization to create valuable citizens.

A.2) Gifts to children and babies on campus

Toddler mattresses, infant tops & knicker sets, dresses for children and babies, bed sheets, bath towels, detergents, and soaps were gifts of Bella Rose Apparel Group (Tirupur, Bangalore) for all 72 inmates (Boys), 25 infants, 253-day scholars (Boys and Girls), and staff on the campus. Besides the utility value for daily use, the gifts from this apparel house were of good quality, and style evidenced by the delighted children. Most of us perceive clothing as an expression of personality and attribute, and the children looked charming in the new dresses they received.



A.3) Fulfilling Christmas wishes

All inmate children, patients, and staff, altogether 150, received Christmas gifts; the day scholars (153 boys and 100 girls) received gift hampers of school bag & personal kit each with a light blanket, bedsheet, towel, etc. EY India fulfilled the wishes of everyone with clinical precision and logistic arrangements. Fr. Jinesh K. Varkey (Secretary, Dayabhavan), Fr. Joyson, K. (Vicar, St. Theresa Catholic Church, Tumkur), Fr. Alex C. Samuel (Vicar, St. Johns Marthoma Church, Tumkur), Mr. Sathyan Parakadavil (Hon. Treasurer, Dayabhavan), Ms. Mohankumari (District supervisor, DAPCU Unit Tumkur), Ms. Roopa (DAPCU, Tumkur), Mr. Basavaraj (Co-ordinator, Chirajeevana Network for People Living with AIDS), and Mr. Dinakar (Peer Counselor, Chirajeevana Network) distributed the gift packs in a function held in Dayasparsha Hospital at Tumkur on 20 February 2021. Volunteers reached those living in distant taluks - Kunigal, Gubbi, Turuvekere, Tiptur, and Sira.



A.4) Zoom Meeting

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (Government of Karnataka) held an Orientation Workshop for District-based Child Protection Units on 7-April-2020 for District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Juvenile Justice Board, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), and all State Bodies concerning child welfare. It was a beneficial program for the inmates and staff of Dayabhavan.



A.5) Picnic in Panambur Beach, Mangalore



A.6) Extension of Compassion

The ongoing program assists day-scholar children of disease-affected families in Kunigal and villages of adjoining Taluks of Tumkur district. The organization acknowledges the continued support of numerous benefactors in this program.



A.7) Child Rights and Covid 19 awareness

Sri. Raghavendra Shettigar (Sr. Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Tumkur and Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Tumkur), Smt. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer, Tumkur), Sri. Ashok Yaragatti (Hon'ble Member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Bangalore), Dr. Licy Cherian (Medical Superintendent, Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital), and Sri. Nanjunda Swamy (Children's Representative, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) participated.



B. HEALTHCARE

B.1) Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur

The hospital gives medical and counseling support to AIDS and Tuberculosis patients, such as anti-retroviral therapy, nursing, and palliative care. The staff regularly conducts health camps and outreach programs in rural communities. It is the only hospital of its kind in nearby districts of Mandya, Ramnagara, Chikkaballapura, Chitradurga, Chikmagalur and Hassan.

The hospital is in close liaison with the National AIDS Control Organization, Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program, Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, and Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, and acknowledge their support.

There have been fewer cases (13) of HIV identified by the Integrated Counselling & Testing Center (ICTC) during the year 2020-21 (as against 22 in the previous year, 2019-20). The bed-days of 5134 is also low (as compared to 5916 in 2019-20). The data is in Table-2.

**Table-2: Occupancy and Treatment (HIV/AIDS/TB Care)
Dayasparsha Hospital - 2020-21**

SN	Month	Total OP	Total IP	ICTC	ICTC positive	Psycho-social Services done	Total Bed Days
1	April 2020	43	6	6	0	72	237
2	May '20	149	9	63	0	367	257
3	June '20	79	12	61	0	216	239
4	July '20	52	9	24	1	115	229
5	August '20	135	27	26	0	332	340
6	Sept '20	134	20	37	1	214	311
7	Oct '20	138	38	41	2	352	475
8	Nov '20	135	25	41	5	307	650
9	Dec '20	127	30	57	0	298	614
10	Jan 2021	239	29	85	0	520	802
11	Feb '21	394	29	86	2	611	526
12	March '21	95	36	28	2	185	454
	2020-21	1720	270	555	13	3589	5134

OP = Out-patient, IP = In-patient, ICTC = Integrated Counselling & Testing Center

B.2) Tuberculosis Treatment: Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programs (RNTCP)

The following services are offered for TB patients (under RNTCP guidelines) and monitored by the District TB Department, Tumkur.

- Sputum Collection, Transportation, Testing (SC, ST),
- Advocacy, Communication & Social Mobilization Program (ACSM),
- Directly Observed Treatment, Short Course (DOTS), and
- Designated Microscopy Centre-cum-Treatment Unit (DMC & TU).

A summary of services in 2020-21 is in Table 3.

Table-3: TB-Control Program Summary - 2020-21

Sl No	Month	SC & ST Collection & Transportn	Sputum Positive	DOTS Started @Center	X-ray done @Center	X-ray Positive	Extra-pulmonary TB
1	April 2020	25	0	0	0	0	1
2	May '20	119	3	3	3	0	3
3	June '20	67	0	0	3	0	0
4	July '20	35	0	1	6	0	1
5	Aug '20	103	0	0	10	0	4
6	Sept '20	103	0	4	12	3	4
7	Oct '20	110	3	0	1	1	9
8	Nov '20	103	1	1	5	0	10
9	Dec '20	96	0	1	3	0	4
10	Jan 2021	192	1	2	4	0	5
11	Feb '21	113	4	2	1	0	3
12	March '21	63	1	1	3	0	2
Total		1039	13	15	51	4	46

B.3) Dayadeepthi

During a follow-up program for people living with HIV, Dr. Sandesh (Chief Medical Officer, Thammaiah Hospital, Tumkur), Dr. Licy Cherian (Medical Superintendent, DMMH and Dayasparsha), and Dr. Shivakumar (Administrator, Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur) distributed protein powder, immunity booster medicines, and bedsheets at Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur on 20 January 2021.



B.4) Geriatric/Palliative Care

The Wings Geriatric and Palliative Center, located in Medical Mission Hospital premises in Kunigal, cared for four elderly inmates in 2020-21. The organization provides all inmates comprehensive care and healthy food in a wholesome environment. The citizens receive treatment for physical & psycho-social symptoms, pain control, and moral well-being.

The institution also serves as the referral center of the Bangalore Baptist Hospital.



C. CAPACITY BUILDING & OUTREACH PROGRAMS

C.1) RNTCP against Tuberculosis - Community Empowerment

The community empowerment program initiated by RNTCP of the Government of India advocates health information on Tuberculosis care with a goal of *TB-free India by 2025*. Since the suspension of most activities during the year, promotion of advocacy, communication, and social mobilization (ACSM) for TB prevention and care was limited. Dayabhavan (role of implementing partner of RNTCP) conducted 12 awareness programs at Areyur, Ayyanapalya, Bugudanahalli, Gulur, Halanur, Honnenahalli, Kaidala, Lakkanahalli, Maidala, Shettyhalli, Yadavani, and Yediyur villages of Tumkur District.

Resource persons were Sri. Ramesh V.G. (Co-ordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Sri. Muralidhara Gowda (Counselor and Warden, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), and Sri. Lakshmipathi (Counselor, Dayasparsha Hospital) who communicated the role of Dayabhavan and RNTCP program; introduction to TB; mode of transmission and symptoms; types of TB; treatment for TB; prevention of the disease; services available at Dayabhavan and Government facilities; responsibility of the public; and, expected outcome.



C.2) World Tuberculosis Day Rally

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal Taluk Health Department, and Kunigal Taluk Hospital jointly rallied to commemorate the event in Kunigal town with Sri Guruprasad (Circle Inspector, Kunigal) leading the march. Dr. Jagadish (Taluk Health Officer), Dr. Ganesh Babu (Administrative Medical Officer, Taluk Hospital, Kunigal), Dr. Shivakumar (Administrator, Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur), Sri. Ajeerj (Teacher, Mahatma Gandhi High School, Kunigal), Sri. Narasimharaju (Senior Treatment Supervisor, RNTCP, Kunigal), Sri. Muralidhara (Senior Counselor, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), and Sri. Ramesh, V.G. (Programme Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, Kunigal) took part in the event on 24-March-2021 and celebrated the theme *The Clock is Ticking*.



C.3) Health awareness - College programs

Topics dealt at the Government First Grade College, Hebbur (Tumkur District) on 5-Feb-2021 were COVID-19, managing adolescence, and HIV infection; Dr. Shivakumar (Administrator, Dayasparsha Hospital, Tumkur), Sri. Ramesh V.G. (Co-Ordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) and Muralidhara (Counselor and Warden, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) led the deliberations.



In Sirivara Pre-University College, Tumkur, blood grouping and health awareness classes were on 6 February 2021. Teaching faculty and students attended the session along with Mr. Shivanna (Principal), Mr. Chethana (Vice-Principal), Mr. Rangaswamy (Panchayat Member), Mr. Narasimhamurthy (President, Grama Panchayat, Sirivara), and Mr. Amzad Pasha (PDO, Sirivara).

The program focused on many relevant adolescent concerns, the role of youth, transmission, symptoms, screening, treatment, management, prevention, myths and facts of AIDS, and the relevance of blood donation. The students were encouraged to fight the stigma and discrimination against AIDS prevailing in society. The key to mitigating the illness is through assimilation of knowledge which helps prevent transmission, spread, and medical management. The organization has the experience and facilities to deal with and care for TB and AIDS patients.

C.4) Voluntary Blood Donation Drive

C.4.1) The first blood donation campaign held jointly by Tumkur District Blood Bank and Seva Bhagya Foundation on 24-April-2020 collected 58 units. Dr. H.D. Ranganath (Hon'ble MLA, Kunigal) inaugurated the event. Mr. Vishwanath (Tahsildar, Kunigal), Mr. Niranjan Kumar (Circle-Inspector of Police, Kunigal), Mr. Vikas Gowda (Sub-Inspector of Police, Kunigal), and Dr. Ganesh Babu (Administrative Medical Officer, Kunigal Taluk Hospital) donated.



C.4.2) Sanjeevini Blood Bank, Tumkur, and Dayabhavan held a second camp at Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital on 26 April 2020, which yielded 35 units.



C.4.3) A third mega blood donation drive was organized with Vasavi Yuvajana Sangha on 3 May 2020 in Kunigal and collected 85 units of blood on this occasion. Mr. Vishwanath (*Tahsildar, Kunigal*) inaugurated the campaign. The organization acknowledges the wholehearted support of all donors and facilitators. Mr. Vikas Gowda (*Sub-Inspector of Police, Kunigal*) participated in the donation drive. The campaigns promote awareness of blood donation and life-saving measures during accidents and injuries.



D. DAYAKIRANA INFANT CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER

D.1 Occupancy and Adoption

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan serves as the partner NGO for the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) under the Integrated Child Protection Society, Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), and the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka. 43 infants were cared for, and 28 placed under adoption during 2020-21. Altogether, Dayabhavan performed 24 home-study reports and 4 follow-up visits. The total number of adoptions since inception (November 2018) is 47.

Table-4: Infant Care and Adoption data (2020-21)

Infant Occupancy (on 1-4-2020)	Infants admitted 1-4-2020 to 31-3-2021	Total under care 2020-21	Infants adopted (In-Country) 2020-21	Infants adopted (Inter-Country) 2020-21	Restored to family 2020-21	Infant Occupancy (on 31-3-2021)
19	24	43	23	1	3	16

D.2) Get together - Adopted and Prospective Adoptive Parents

A meeting of this kind helps to understand many aspects of the infant care and adoption procedures and popularize adoption services rendered. In the interaction, the staff explained various legal, due-diligence, and human processes that precede adoption to the prospective adoptive parents (PAP). The adopted ones shared many emotional and happy moments of their lives with the infants under their care. Sri. Raghavendra Shettigar (Sr. Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Tumkur and Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Tumkur) released a Child Life Book to record the special moments and activities of the baby during the function. Dr. K. Rakesh Kumar IAS (erstwhile Deputy Commissioner and Magistrate, Tumkur District), Smt. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer, Tumkur), Sri. Ashok Yaragatti (Hon'ble Member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Bangalore), Dr. Licy Cherian (Medical Superintendent, Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital), the staff of DCPO and Dayakirana, and almost 50 adopted and Prospective Adoptive Parents participated in the function. There was much appreciation for the unrelenting services of the Dayakirana and DCPO staff. In the last 2-1/2 years, the center placed 47 infants in the care of eligible parents after due diligence, the highest number of adoptions in a center within the State of Karnataka.



D.3) Visitors to Dayakirana Infant Care Center

D.3.1) Sri. Raghavendra Shettigar (Sr. Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Tumkur and Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Tumkur) and Smt. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer) in Dayakirana Adoption Centre during an inspection on 11-December-2020.



D.3.2) Members of the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights visited the campus home on 27-February-2021. Fr. Antony Sebastian (President), Mr. Ashok Yaragatti (Member), Smt. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer, Tumkur) and other dignitaries listened to the pre-adoption processes alongside prospective adoptive parents of Kadur Taluk of Chikkamagaluru District.



D.4) A special moment

One-year-old *infant Suhas* was entrusted with his overseas parents on January 1, 2021, by Dr. K. Rakesh Kumar, IAS (erstwhile Deputy Commissioner and Magistrate, Tumkur District). It was a profound and inspiring occasion for the organization to undertake the first inter-Country adoption and the parents who chose to share their familial love with Baby Suhas. Smt. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer), Fr. Jinesh K. Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), Dr. Licy Cherian (Medical Superintendent, Dayabhavan Mission Hospital), Sathyan Parakadavil (Honorary Treasurer, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan), and Ramesh V.G. (Programme Co-ordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) were present in the occasion. We are sure that Suhas is in safe custody and will take on the joys and blessings of life.



D.5) Baby Needs

A food company agreed to supply all infant milk products at the Infant care and adoption center at the lowest (25% discount) prices which was a blessing for the organization. While this complies with the Infant Milk Substitute Act (IMS Act 1992), the response favors all CARA-certified baby centers which foster babies and children under the Juvenile Justice Act.

Further to this, a business group assured us of a continuous supply of baby food for a year. An apparel group provided infant mattresses and dresses. These mean much to the organization and cherishes the hope that it will continue to serve the needy.



D.6) Dignitary visits at Dayabhavan Campus

D.6.1) Jagadguru Sri Basava Jayamruthyunjaya Swamiji, Kudalasangama in Dayasparsha Hospital with Fr. Jinesh Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan). D.6.2) Bishop Sebastian Adayanthrath of Mandya Diocese (Catholic) on 25-November-2020. He appreciated the work and activities of the rehab home, hospital, elder citizen, and infant centers. D.6.3) Dr. Ranganath (Hon'ble MLA, Kunigal) and Smt. Vasanthi Uppar (District Child Protection Officer) visit on 25 December 2020. D.6.4) Sri. Shabbir Ahmed Sarjapura (District Minority Officer, Tumkur) inspected Dayasparsha Hospital (1-November-2020). The staff, patients, and the Secretary met him, and he appreciated their services to HIV/TB patients.



E. CAMPUS INITIATIVES AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

E.1) Feed the Needy

During the lockdown period and the rest of the pandemic environment, Dayabhavan volunteers distributed meal packets to homeless, unemployed migrant workers, and the mentally deprived persons on the streets and makeshift camps of Kunigal. They were all severely affected due to a lack of trade and business. The food packets served were prepared in the campus kitchen and served 46500 people so far.



E.2) Survival kit Distribution

In the period between January and March-21, Dayabhavan distributed 495 survival kits (comprising of wheat flour, rice, lentil, cereal, dates, pulses, sugar, and oil) to disease-infected widows by coordinating with District Administration, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, and ICTC Counselors at Tiptur, Tumkur, Turuvekere, Madhugiri, Gubbi, Sira, and Kunigal. Many well-wishers and friends supported this program.



E.3) Awareness Classes on Covid-19

An in-house program conducted on 20-March-2020 provided insights into the dos and don'ts during the COVID-19 period. Dr. Raj Kumara (Medical Officer, Dayabhavan Medical Mission Hospital) and Dr. Shivakumar (Administrator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) addressed the inmates explaining the necessary steps to be followed, such as hand-wash, the importance of wearing masks, promoting the use of sanitizers, etc. St. Gregorios Dayabhavan and the Labour Office, Kunigal together organized a COVID-19 Awareness Campaign on 3-April-2020 at Labour Camps in Kunigal and KRS Agrahara. Mr. H.M. Somashekhar (Labour Inspector, Kunigal) addressed the audience about sanitation, hygiene, face masks, physical distancing, masks, and sanitizers.



E.4) Orientation visit and fieldwork by Students

Orientation visit by MSW students of Sri Siddhartha Institute for Management Studies on 2-2-2021 and by 1st Year BSW students of Department of Social Work and Research Center, Tumkur University on 30-1-2021.



Mr. V.G. Ramesh (Program Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) and Mr. Muralidhara Gowda (Counselor and Warden, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) took classes on preventive measures for diseases as HIV, TB, and social work. 16 MSW interns took part.

E.5) Shramadan in YK Ramaiah Biological Park, Kunigal



E.6) Festivities

Dayabhavan inmates found several occasions - events with Bala Mandira students, Onam, Gandhi Jayanthi, Ayudha Pooja, Kannada Rajyotsava, meet in NAMS Sneha Sadan, Bangalore, Children's Day, Deepavali, Christmas, and New Year's Eve to celebrate. They did with much enthusiasm, camaraderie, and revelry.



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E.7) Daya Greens

The organization responded with a positive outlook when the pandemic struck when all activities shut down. The inmates cultivated its campus grounds aiming to reduce market dependency. Coconuts (oil), coriander, ragi (flour), coffee beans, and chili powder were harvested in surplus, after inhouse consumption, and sold. The fresh farm produces – Fresh bhindi, brinjal, cucumber, and bitter gourd – replaced purchased vegetables.



It formalized a plan to sell the fresh produce after meeting the sustenance needs of the inmates. With little or no impact on the environment and using an aquaponic agricultural strategy, Dayabhavan aims to produce wholesome food in an integrated and self-provisioning manner without generating much waste. A nutritious food supply impacts the health of the inmates favorably. It improves the food value chain by reducing expenses and welfare of the inmates of the care home. Such initiatives are likely to inspire rural communities and other institutions with domestic income generation opportunities.

The Bangalore Metropolitan and Diocesan head, Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim (also the Vice-President of the mission), purchased a fresh consignment of farm produce endorsing the venture.



E.8) Wedding Bells

E.8.1) Murali and Yathishree: The marriage of our senior counselor Mr. Muralidhara to Ms. Yathishree on 17-February-2021 was a pleasant and happy occasion for all inmates and friends on the campus. Murali has been serving Dayabhavan since 2012 as a Counselor, Warden, and Teacher; his experience has immensely benefitted the community in many ways as a mentor to the children, schemer for rural health programs, and social welfare classes.



E.8.2) Kiran and Shambavi: Mr. MN Kiran, a former inmate of Dayabhavan, married Ms. Shambavi on 13-August-2020 at Madhugiri, Tumkur. Kiran has a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Information Technology at Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur, and he works for Pragathi TV as Technical Assistant and Anchor.



St. Gregorios Dayabhavan wishes the newlyweds a happy, blessed, and prosperous married life!

F. RESOURCES**F.1) Pedal for Hope Dallas**

A group of friends in Texas turned to a novel fundraising theme to collect resources. The *Ride for A Reason* was a group event organized by few enthusiastic cyclists that spread across many states to mobilize funds for the children of Dayabhavan. The event, on 7-September-2020, was participated by nearly 100 well-wishers. Their trust and confidence in Dayabhavan were most gratifying, and the outcome yielded much relief to the operations during the lockdown period.



F.2) Compound Wall to protect from predators

A compound wall (1000-foot-long and 6-foot-high) was erected on the rear periphery of the campus to prevent predators from entering and killing livestock/poultry and posing a threat to inmates. A similar wall is underway around the infant care center. It is expected to be completed by April-21 and will offer protection to both campuses. Resource collection was through an online funding event conducted in October-November 2020 using the portal ketto.org. The organization places on record its sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the participants of this event, especially those who supported it through friends and relatives, for their tangible and intangible help. Notably, the existence of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan became known to many far and wide, and their spontaneous response helped. The network made a difference in the lives of the children and patients of this organization.



F.3) Dayabhavan is eco-friendly

Beating the spiraling fuel prices and moving forward, Dayabhavan procured an Electric-Auto, which transports children to school and distributes food packets.



F.4) Our Benefactors

Many organizations offered material and monetary support - Bella Rose Apparel Group, Border Security Force (Yelahanka), Chryssa Capital, Ernst & Young, Inner Wheel Club Bangalore East, Muthoot Finance, Nestle India, SaiKrishna and Associates, Sri Siddarama Rural Development Trust, Soukya International Holistic Health Centre, Talavvy Business Catalysts, etc. Resources raised by Pedal for Hope, Dallas (TX), and Singapore Friends, and St. Thomas Mission (TX) are gratefully acknowledged. We cherish the goodwill and friendship.

G. ACCOLADE

G.1) Recognition to services of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan during lockdown period

St. Gregorios Dayabhavan received appreciation from the Tumkur District Administration and Red Cross Society, Tumkur, for services to the society, especially to the distressed population during the lockdown period. Dr. Rakesh Kumar (erstwhile Deputy Commissioner and Magistrate, Tumkur) and Sri. Naganna (Secretary, Red Cross Society, and Chairman, Praja Pragathi News Paper and Pragathi TV) felicitated Sri. V.G. Ramesh (Program Coordinator, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan).



G.2) Recognition for services to the sick and less privileged

On World AIDS Day (1-December-2020), Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KASAPS) and District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), Tumkur felicitated Fr. Jinesh K Varkey (Secretary, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan) in commemoration of his leadership role and services by Dayabhavan for people living with HIV (PLHIV) during the last 18 years. Dignitaries attending the public function at the District Hospital Auditorium were Sri. Raghavendra Shettigar (Sr. Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Tumkur, and Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Tumkur), Dr. Nagendrappa (District Health and Family Welfare Officer), Dr. Sanath Kumar (District AIDS and TB Control Officer), Dr. Veerabhadrappaiah (Surgeon, District Hospital, Tumkur), Dr. Srinath (President, IMA-Tumkur), and Dr. Rajashekharaiiah (Hematologist, Sparsh Super Speciality Hospital, Bangalore).



Despite its rural background, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan has made sustained efforts in rural development thanks to its dedicated workers. The organization provides integrated services for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, rehabilitates and educates rural children, and regularly conducts medical awareness programs and social welfare activities such as treating HIV/TB patients, foster care & adoption services, nursing/palliative care of the sick and less privileged population.

Obituary

Very Rev K.I. Philip Ramban

"Most respected Rambachan, we are very saddened in losing you from our midst, though the rightful thoughts and foresight you demonstrated shall always guide our minds. Your life is a great lesson and light for many of us, and you will remain in a multitude of hearts forever ..."

"He was a legend in the course of life he traversed, and the passion he displayed for God's service will have a lasting impact on real devotees. May God be pleased to place his soul close to Him ..."

"Rambachan was a loving and dedicated person who has touched all our lives who we will miss sorely. May his soul rest in peace. May his prayers be a stronghold for us ..."

Message from HH Catholicos conveying condolences on the departure of K.I. Philip Ramban ... <https://youtu.be/cXJTivQsQLY>



Sabha Missionary Jyothis
Very Rev K.I. Philip Ramban
Director, St. Gregorios Dayabhavan
(1934-2020)

In his footsteps...we walk

C.P. George

Former treasurer, member of the board of trustees of St. Gregorios Dayabhavan, NAMS Sneha Sadan, and internal auditor passed away on 2-May-2020 in Bangalore. We express heartfelt condolences to the family and pray for the departed soul.



C.P. George
Member, Governing Body
St. Gregorios Dayabhavan
(1942-2020)

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This year was replete with hardships and despair, but we were constantly motivated by hope and assurance offered by many well-wishers who shared resources with us in these times. Our sincere gratitude to everyone - individuals and groups - for giving sustained support to our inmates and dependents. They helped us tide over many difficulties and also to reach out to those who were needier. The Patron, HH Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East and Malankara Metropolitan, and the mission leaders, Dr. Yuhanon Mar Theodoros Metropolitan, Dr. Yuhanon Mar Chrysostomos Metropolitan (Co-President), and Dr. Abraham Mar Seraphim Metropolitan (Vice-President) walked us through this period. With great affection, we recall the presence of the former director, Very Rev. K.I. Philip Ramban, who guided us all his life. Apart from being a founding father, he was the key driver of this mission. The sacrifices he made and the services he rendered are countless that benefitted the less privileged and those in distress. Pray his soul rest in peace.

Many health agencies and local authorities stood by us, both in the government and other sectors. They provided tangible and intangible support. Few notable ones are the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA), Chirajeevana Network for People Living with HIV, Department of Women and Child Development (Government of Karnataka), Directorate of Minorities (Government of Karnataka), District Child Protection Office, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Services, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS), Mother Teresa Children Foundation (MTCF), National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), and Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP, Government of India). We hope to continue our association with all.

Our well-wishers have always been the prime movers. Their trust was most reassuring and endorsed our efforts. Unsolicited support from many quarters was overwhelming. We were honored by visits and inquiries by many dignitaries. We were protected.

Our focus will continue to be on the oppressed and those in distress. We hope for a better tomorrow. And pray for the well-being of everyone.



Fr. Jinesh Varkey
Secretary, April 5, 2021

There is a wonderful mythical law of nature that the three things we crave most in life -- happiness, freedom, and peace of mind -- are always attained by giving them to someone else — Peyton C. March